

# PROSECUTIONS PILE OBSTRUCTIONS ON TRACKS, PULL OFF CREWS

## GANGS OF HOODLUMS BLOCK CARS, PULL OFF CREWS AND DEFY POLICE IN BROOKLYN

Felony Charge Lodged Against Three Accused of Blocking Tracks.

MORE ARRESTS MADE.

Motorman Phones for Help, Saying House Is Surrounded by Crowd.

A felony charge was placed against three B. R. T. strikers who crossed the Fulton street tracks at Manhattan crossing, a block from the East New York car barn, railroad ties and a wooden structure used in erecting an "L" line. They were taken to the Ralph Avenue station.

The men gave the names of Fred Schmidt, twenty-three, No. 248 Quincey Street, a machinist; Bernard Schubert, twenty-four, No. 435 Pennsylvania Avenue, motorman, and Samuel Tupeck, thirty-four, No. 193 Pitkin Avenue.

Flying squads of strikers on motor trucks came in contact with flying squads of police in automobiles on several occasions to-day when they attempted to interfere with surface cars. A big crowd of strikers gathered at Garfield Place on Seventh Avenue waiting for a Flatbush and Seventh Avenue car when an automobile filled with police swooped down on them. It required but little argument to disperse the mob.

At 7:30 this morning the B. R. T. headquarters received a distress call by telephone from Motorman Howe, at No. 186 Lynch street, who said he was being kept in his house by a mob of strikers who threatened to kill him if he left the house. He asked protection on his way to work and an automobile with guards was sent to get him.

LOYAL EMPLOYEES' WIVES TELL OF THREATS.

Appeals of frightened women by telephone to the B. R. T. offices in the early morning hours to-day gave notice to the officials that "entertainment committees," who said they came from strike headquarters, were visiting the homes of motormen and conductors and threatening them.

Mrs. Jane McKelroy of No. 251 Saratoga Avenue, the wife of a conductor, said three men came to her house last night and said that if she did not get her husband home and keep him at home he'd be "brought home on a stretcher."

Frederick Thiele, a guard on the Fulton street elevated, said a brick had been thrown through the window of a car on his train between Summer and Reid Avenues, striking a passenger who was carried off the train.

A worker named Buncie was knocked from a flat car at the 23d Street station by a shot fired by a striker. John Hinean, a sixty-four-year-old conductor of No. 64 Rockaway Avenue, was taken from his car on the Rockaway Avenue line and beaten.

A car carrying thirty-two policemen to Maspeth was stopped and stoned and the windows were broken. No arrests were made and there were no ambulance calls.

At 9:30 a woman telephoned the B. R. T. offices that strikers and pimps had gathered at the Fulton Avenue and "bied" the air tank. The car was disabled. She said four policemen made no attempt to bother the strikers and an emergency work car was sent to patch up the car.

The woman said the motorman and conductor were both aged men and that they begged the strikers to allow them to return to work. The car was promised not to take it out again. Their appeals were not heeded she said.

THREE GUARDS ARRAIGNED AND FINED \$5 EACH.

Three striking elevated guards were arraigned in the Adams Street Court, Brooklyn, charged with disorderly conduct and fined \$5 each. First trouble experienced at Grand and High Streets, where the strikers dumped large rocks from a van on the tracks. A carload of police sent from the depot, and after clearing rocks away they dumped load of sand on rails. Cars then diverted by way of Flushing Avenue and at Flushing Avenue and Creek Street, officers of lumber company, the strikers pulled down telegraph poles and put them across the rails. These obstructions finally cleared and cars proceeded.

"There was considerable rioting when cars stalled at these points. Each car carried four policemen. Cars proceeded to Park Row and finally returned to depot. The depot master was instructed to send the cars out again with a carload of police proceeding the cars and another carload of police following the cars and to make every effort to keep the line open."

## CITY PLANS SUIT TO COMPEL CUT IN TELEPHONE RATES

P. S. Board Not Inclined to Make Effort to End Extortion.

Corporation Counsel Burr is planning to institute a test case to compel a reduction of telephone rates in New York City. This action is forced because of the apparent disinclination of the Public Service Commission of the Second District to do anything in the matter. Many civic and business associations of the city will join Mr. Burr in his fight.

The commission held its first and, to all intents and purposes, its last inquiry into the reasons for the wretched telephone service in New York City yesterday. It listened to a long statement by F. H. Bethell, Vice President of the New York Telephone Company, in which he admitted the service could not be much worse and promised to make every effort to improve it. After Mr. Bethell had been cross-examined the commission adjourned the hearing without date.

Only passing reference was made to the demands for reduction of the company's rates. The commission studiously refrained from questioning Mr. Bethell about recent disclosures that his company had taken from New York subscribers during the last four years \$17,000,000 more than the Public Service Commission had authorized it to.

When the question of rates was broached it was remarked that "some time in the future" this would receive consideration. But there was no definite assurance that a hearing on proposals to reduce rates would be held in the near future. The impression that several persons present gained was that the commission is not disposed to launch a drive against the company for cheaper tolls, despite recent disclosure of vast profiteering by the company.

Members of the commission who are disinclined to force rates downward estimate that a rate cut would cost the commission \$50,000. The fact is that it would cost the commission virtually nothing. It has in its employ well paid experts, who could be assigned to an investigation of the company's finances and report within a reasonable time to what extent the company is profiteering.

It has been shown that not only has the telephone company during the past four years been extracting from the New York telephone users an average of \$4,000,000 a year, to which it is not entitled, but has been hiding millions more in profits through the expedient of appropriating excessive sums as a reserve for depreciation. Even if the commission were required to lay out \$50,000 to prosecute from the New York telephone users a rate cut, it would telephone point out that this expenditure would result in a saving of millions to telephone subscribers in the greater city.

## "STRIKE JITNEY" DRIVERS CALLED ON TO PAY LICENSE

Federal Government Will Collect Tax Upon All Who Carry Passengers.

Internal Revenue Collector Gardner of Brooklyn estimated yesterday that about 800 persons operating "strike jitneys" buses and autos without a Federal license had been served with notices by deputies of Deputy Revenue Agent William Muller. Hundreds of autos are being used to carry passengers to and from Manhattan in the absence of trolley transportation caused by the strike.

Autos carrying not more than seven passengers were notified they will have to pay a tax of \$10, those carrying more than seven persons a tax of \$20. This tax must be paid before Aug. 31. After that date those served with the notice will be liable to a \$50 per cent. delinquency fine.

## CALLS LUSK BODY A MENACE

Women's International League Attacks Legislative Committee.

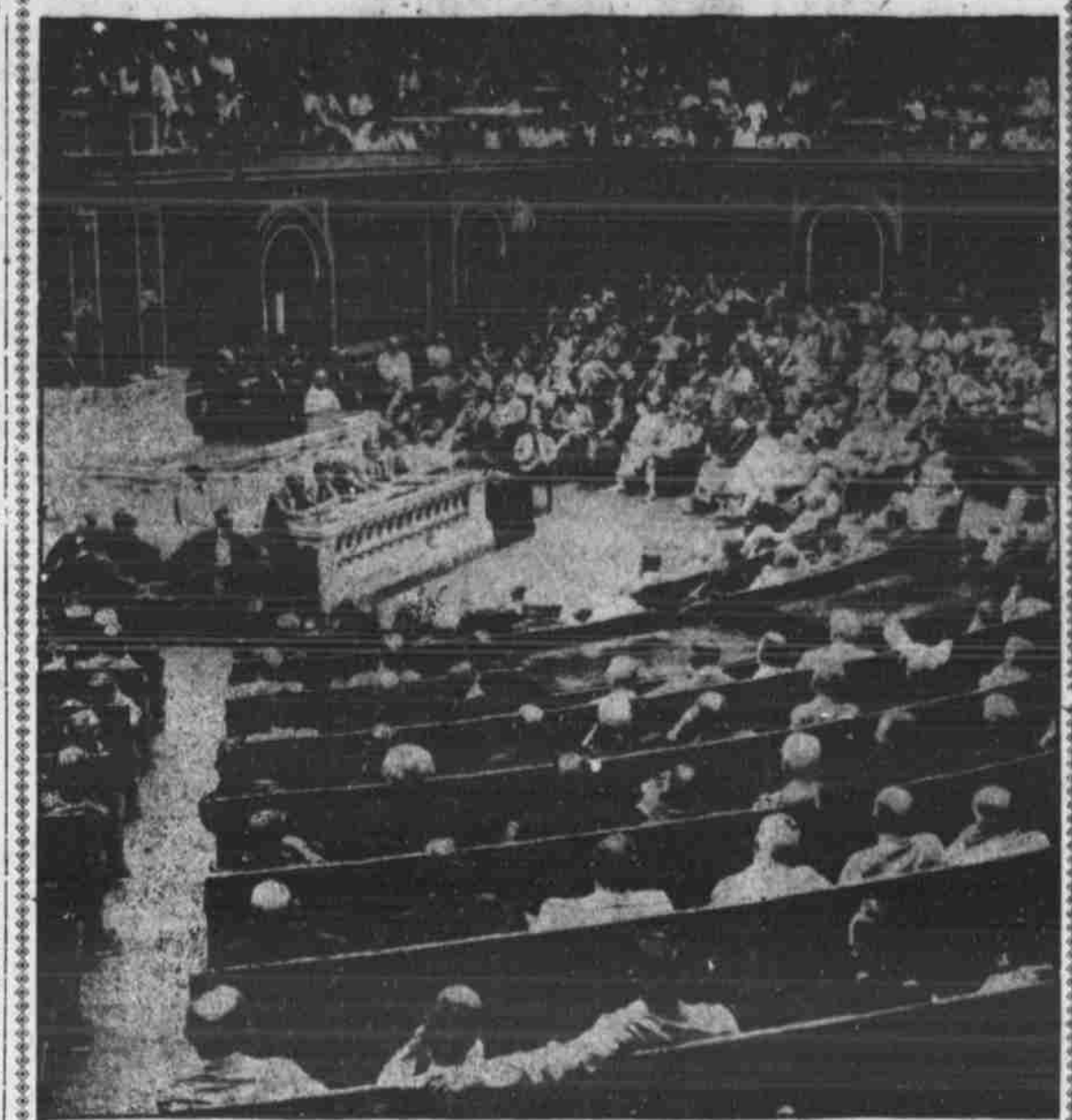
The New York Women's International League met at the Hotel Astor last night in tribute to Miss Margaret Bondfield, Secretary of the National Federation of Women Workers, who is in England, who is about to return to England.

Miss Bondfield said the Brooklyn strike showed the American police "are an adjunct of the vested capitalist interests." She criticized the judicial system with regard to strikers' right to picket. The Lusk committee, she said, was "a menace to the country."

## Pushed Off Subway Platform.

George Grive of No. 213 Fourth Avenue, while standing on the crowded platform of the B. R. T. subway station at 41st Street, was pushed off onto the tracks and was removed to the New York Hospital suffering from a possible fracture of the hip.

## President Wilson Reading His Message Urging Laws to Curb the Food Profiteers



(Leder Photo Service, Copyright.)

## TO GUARD PRINCE OF WALES AGAINST PERIL OF ICEBERGS

Warship to Cruise Off Grand Banks and Clear Way for Royal Visitor.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Aug. 9.—Precautions against the possible presence of ice floes and bergs in the path of the Battleship Renown bringing the Prince of Wales to Canada, were taken to-day. It was announced that the cruiser Dauntless, which preceded the escort fleet to arrange for the Prince's reception here, would cruise about the grand banks for the purpose of locating ice and would then proceed to sea to escort the Renown to her anchorage in Conception Bay.

Several unusually large bergs have been reported in vicinity of shipping lanes during the week.

## AMERICANS MUST HOLD GERMAN PRISONERS

Supreme Council Decides They Can't Be Released Until Three Powers Ratify Treaty.

PARIS, Aug. 9 (Associated Press). The disposition of prisoners held by American forces in France was discussed yesterday by the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference, and it was decided that it was impossible to release such prisoners until three Powers have ratified the treaty with Germany. It will be necessary for the United States to co-operate with France, in guarding the prisoners and this will probably make it necessary to retain some American soldiers in France.

## BELGIUM TO REMAKE DEVASTATED FARMS

Government Will Work Acres for Owner Under Most Scientific Methods for a Time.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 9 (Associated Press).—The Belgian Government has undertaken a vast project for reclaiming the devastated farm lands in the battle zone. The farms will be taken over from their owners and worked under the latest scientific principles, and then returned in first class condition to them. Owners are to be paid 5 per cent. interest on the pre-war valuation of the property during the operation by the Government which, however, is prepared to purchase the land outright in the event owners do not desire to keep the farms.

King Albert will fix the fruit of the operation of the project, which is designed merely to hasten in the national interest the restoration of the vast territory laid waste by shellfire.

## 15,000 Painters May Be Called Out Next Week.

A strike of 15,000 painters, decorators and paperhangers in Manhattan and Brooklyn, members of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, is to be called Aug. 15, it was announced yesterday by I. Polstein, Chairman of the Strike Committee. According to Polstein, the men demand \$1 an hour, an eight-hour day and a five-day week. They now work 44 hours a week and are paid \$4 a day.

## GUNMAN'S VICTIM, WITH DYING GASP, REVEALS SLAYER

Collapses in Patrolman's Arms Before He Can Give Motive for Shooting.

With his dying breath Tony Centeno of Brooklyn told Patrolman Farrell early this morning who a few moments before had fired five bullets at him, all of them hitting their mark. Centeno was too exhausted to tell exactly where he lived, and when he was asked why he had been shot he fell back dead in the patrolman's arms.

Centeno was killed in front of No. 413 East 12th Street after he had been chased by two men across a vacant lot between Avenue A and First Avenue. When the shots were fired the men ran backward toward Avenue A and 11th Street and disappeared.

As soon as the patrolman reached the wounded man's side he raised him and asked him his name. "Tony Centeno, No. 192 86th Street, Brooklyn," he gasped.

"Who shot you?" Centeno gave the assailant's name and where he was employed. "Why did he shoot you?" asked Farrell, bending low to hear what the man would say.

Centeno's body grew limp and he ceased breathing. The man he named had not been captured.

Centeno was recognized by detectives who saw his body at the morgue as a man who was sent to Elmira in 1916 for robbery and whose picture is in the police gallery. He was arrested on charges of burglary and robbery in 1918, but was set free each time.

## STOCK YARDS STRIKERS THREATEN MEAT TIE-UP

Predict 70,000 Men Will Be Out To-Night Unless Police Guard Is Withdrawn.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Despite withdrawal of State troops from the vicinity of the stockyards, union officials to-day asserted the walkout of butchers, carners and other workers at the big packing plants would continue until all police and extra guards were removed.

While union leaders claimed 40,000 men had quit work as a protest against the placing of 1,200 extra policemen and 200 deputy sheriffs in the yards after the return of negro workers, packing house officials declared not more than 10,000 men had struck.

If the unions press their claims, the Chicago yards would have to be completely tied up. The strike would affect the whole country, since shipments of livestock to Chicago yards would have to be curtailed or entirely stopped.

## First White Men Indicted in Chicago Race Riots.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Three white men to-day were held on charges of assault to murder, the first whites indicted in connection with the recent race riots here. In all, 53 persons have been indicted on various charges, ranging from assault to murder.

## DEPOSED EMPEROR REFUSES TO TAKE HUNGARIAN CROWN

Charles Says He Can't Be a Mere King—Roumanians to Withdraw Troops.

LONDON, Aug. 9 (United Press).—The Roumanian commander-in-chief at Budapest intends to evacuate most of the Roumanian troops within a few days, Vienna advices received by way of Copenhagen said to-day.

PARIS, Aug. 9.—Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary was begged by Magyars to mount the Hungarian throne when the fall of the Felsd ministry was determined upon, according to a despatch to the Journal from Zurich. The former monarch refused, having been King and Emperor, he could not go down the social scale and be content with a simple King's crown.

The Duke of Hohenberg, son of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, whose assassination at Sarajevo in 1914 was the immediate cause of the great war, also refused the crown, according to the despatch, which says that the Hungarians ended their quest by choosing Archduke Joseph as a last resort.

The Inter-Allied Mission at Budapest, after a conference with Archduke Joseph and Premier Friederich, has forwarded to M. Clemenceau a report to the effect that the Entente representatives are in full accord with the Hungarian Government, according to a Vienna despatch received here.

At yesterday's session of the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference consideration was given a message from Archduke Joseph announcing the intention of his regime to execute the terms of the armistice and asking recognition and authorization to send delegates to Paris.

The message of the Archduke outlines the policy of the new Government and says that it will call a properly selected constituent Assembly to reorganize labor with a view to increasing production.

Despatches from American relief officers who have been co-operating with British and Italian representatives in Hungary report that Budapest is quiet but that all transportation, including that on the Danube, is being held up.

King Ferdinand of Roumania, who was to have arrived in Budapest Thursday, has postponed his visit to that city, according to a Zurich despatch to the Journal.

BERNE, Aug. 9.—An official Roumanian statement declares that reports of excesses by Roumanian troops in Hungary are false, according to a despatch received here from Bucharest.

## BURGLAR, HATPINS, BIG DOGS AND COP'S PANTS IN ONE TALE

Add Woman, Fighting Greek and Barrel to What Happened in One Night.

The neighborhood of Ninth Avenue and the mid-Fifties is considerably devastated to-day, in spots, and the police blame Cornelius J. McCarthy, who never will get out of jail if the cops have anything to say about it.

The ingredients of the rather nightmarish tale include a lady with a wicked hatpin, a Greek who has no regard for the privilege of burglary, two Great Danes dogs with anti-cop sentiments and much finesse, the outraged pants of Policeman Frederick Norman.

But let's get started.

The police say "Con" McCarthy got out of prison a while ago and returned to his old profession. The police say his old profession is burglary. And the police say everything that follows:

In the midst of the general dullness of yesterday afternoon McCarthy went down to No. 345 West 58th Street, got into Paul Christo's room (the police say 10, selected Paul's fanciest clothes, including his Sunday shirt, and went over toward the "L" station.

Paul came home, got mad, and followed. He caught McCarthy and took the doghouse back. McCarthy got mad and followed Paul. At Paul's door McCarthy, having his Irish up, walloped Paul in the jaw and went away—but Paul kept his clothes.

After a while McCarthy came back and Mrs. Bita Taw, who has an apartment in the same building, found him in her dining room. The police say she drew a hatpin and the battle raged all over the place. McCarthy eventually retreated, while Mrs. Taw survived triumphantly the wreckage of her furniture.

But McCarthy (the police say) was not through. Policeman Norman, having mended his pants, tells the rest.

"John Rafferty of No. 407 West 53rd Street told me last evening," says Norman, "that somebody was trying to break into his house through the cellar."

"I drew a gun and climbed into the back yard, not knowing that Rafferty kept two Great Danes dogs there, each as big as a pony. These dogs had a plan of campaign and they came at me scientific. One grabbed my pants, thus attracting my attention. I couldn't very well shoot him without danger of hitting an innocent bystander. I being said bystander myself."

"While I was arguing with this dog, the other, one, watching his chance, made a neat jump and took my gun away from me. All I could do was pull my coat to my waist and top both dogs until they got tired and let me alone. Then I crawled into the cellar and found my man hiding behind a door."

The police say the prisoner was none other than McCarthy, who was to be arraigned in the West 54th Street police court to-day on charges of burglary. The term "chronic burglar" is not known to the law books as now written.

## CABLE COMPANY ASKS "DEFINITE" TAX COMPLAINT

Says Dispute Is Mere "Difference of Experts' Opinions"—Motion Denied.

Former United States Attorney General George W. Wickersham, counsel for the Commercial Cable Company, yesterday asked Federal Judge Hand to direct the Government to make more certain and definite its complaint against his client for the collection of additional income taxes amounting to \$44,410.

The complaint alleges that the Commercial Cable Company from the years 1909 to 1915 inclusive, filed incorrect, misleading and false returns with the Collector of Internal Revenue, and is therefore subject to penalties amounting to 5 per cent. and interest of 1 per cent. on the taxes withheld.

The dispute between the Government and the Cable Company, Mr. Wickersham explained, is due to the difference of opinion among experts as to the amount to be allowed for depreciation of the company's property.

After hearing opposing argument by Assistant United States District Attorney Ryan, Judge Hand denied the motion, but granted Mr. Wickersham a bill of particulars so as to fix the date on which the penalties come due.

## BABY DEAD IN BROOKLYN NOT KIDNAPPED CHILD

Parents of Stolen Arthur Wentz So Decide After Visit to Morgue.

The parents of Arthur Phillips Wentz, the baby stolen from his carriage in the Bronx, after a visit to the Kings County Morgue early to-day, announced that a baby that had been found in the dumps at Sutter Avenue and Crystal Street, Brownsville, was not their child.

The body bore marks that corresponded to those on the missing Wentz baby, but it was a boy several months older than the kidnapped child. It had been dead about two days.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wentz, the parents, have received at their home, No. 725 Home Street, Bronx, two additional letters demanding money and threatening to kill the child. One was for \$200 and the other for \$45. The police have found no clue to the kidnappers and the letters are believed to be the work of "cranks."

## YOUNG HARLEM SOLDIER WHO SEEKS NOMINATION OF ALDERMAN FROM 19TH



## EUROPE FACES STARVATION UNLESS U. S. GIVES CREDIT

Hang Profiteers, Demands Labor M. P.—Britain Resumes Food Control.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—Europe faces starvation the coming winter unless the United States extends credits for the purchase of food, according to the report of American food experts, who will present their findings before the peace conference Monday.

"America's food surplus will rot in the warehouses unless Europe is aided over the present financial crisis," it is pointed out. "Europe is unable to pay either in cash or commodities."

British labor leaders to-day were demanding direct action against profiteers.

"I'd string up all persons who would take advantage of the sacrifices in blood made by the country," J. H. Thomas, Laborite M. P., declared.

George H. Roberts, Food Controller, announced to-day that the Government had decided to resume control of the supply and distribution of imports of bacon, ham and lard and that the prices to be charged would also be under supervision.

## "CITIZENS OF LONG ISLAND USE 'LONG WAY AROUND'"

Traffic Over Queensboro Bridge Heavy, Due to Strike on B. R. T.

The "long way around" for Long Islanders over the Queensboro Bridge and via Manhattan and Queens County tolls has been taken by thousands due to the strike. Traffic from 86th Street over the bridge to Corona, Elmhurst, Astoria, Steinway, College Point, Flushing and Jamaica has been very heavy.

Three years ago the New York and Queens County line won a strike and the 500 employees are not organized. "Union attempts to line up the carmen this week have had little effect though the men are considering a demand that the fifty women conductors be laid off. The rate now is 41 to 45 cents per hour.

On the Manhattan and Queens Traction Company line to Jamaica the carmen are said to be organizing. The Queensboro Highway, first stop out of the Grand Central station, has handled 15,000 extra passengers a day due to the strike, many using trucks over the Vernon Viaduct from the Greenpoint section to reach Manhattan.

## GIRL'S LEAP FROM TRUCK SENDS HER TO HOSPITAL

Brooklyn Stenographer on Way to Manhattan Jumps Off Auto After Lost Purse.

Annie Atherton, eighteen, a stenographer, of No. 2574 West 23rd Street, Coney Island, was bound for her employment in Manhattan this morning on a big motor truck when her pocketbook slipped from her hand in 18th Avenue near Benson Avenue.

Before the truck came to a full stop the girl jumped, landing upon her head. She was removed to Coney Island Hospital where, in addition to bruises and lacerations, the surgeons think she may have suffered a fracture of the skull.

## Busiest Part of the meal says Bobby when the folks start in on

POST TOASTIES

